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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

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1. ☐ The communication filed 3/14/00 is ~~informal~~/non-responsive for the reason(s) checked below and should be corrected. APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WHICHEVER IS LONGER) WITHIN WHICH TO CORRECT THE INFORMALITY.
- a. ☐ The amendment to claim(s) _____, filed _____, fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and is accordingly held to be non-responsive. A supplemental paper correcting the informal portions and complying with the rule is required.
- b. ☐ The paper is unsigned. A duplicate paper or ratification, properly signed, is required.
- c. ☐ The paper is signed by _____, who is not of record. A ratification or a new power of attorney with a ratification, or a duplicate paper signed by a person of record, is required.
- d. ☐ The communication is presented on paper which will not provide a permanent copy. A permanent copy, or a request that a permanent copy be made by the Office at applicant's expense, is required, see M.P.E.P. 714.07.
- e. ☒ Other See the attached office action
2. ☐ In accordance with applicant's request, THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE FROM THE OFFICE ACTION DATED _____ IS EXTENDED TO RUN _____ MONTH(S).
No further extension will be granted unless approved by the Commissioner. 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (b)
3. ☐ Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119 which papers have been made of record in the file.
4. ☐ Other

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DETAILED ACTION

Non-responsive Election

1. The reply filed on March 29, 2000, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action of Paper No. 8 because of the following matter(s): the elected claims in the reply are not all readable on the elected species of the Embodiment of Figs. 1(A) - 1 (F). Among the elected claims, claims 14, 20, 21, 24-28, 56-59 and 63-71 define a thin film transistor comprising a metal layer connected to the gate electrode and the source/drain of the same thin film transistor, which are not readable on the elected species of the Embodiment of Figs. 1(A) - 1 (F). In addition, claims 13, 19 and 22 define a thin film transistor comprising a metal layer connected to the gate electrode of the thin film transistor and forming an interconnect. They, too, are not readable on the elected species of the Embodiment of Figs. 1(A) - 1 (F), since the subject matter shown in the workable structure of Embodiment of Figs. 1(A) - 1 (F) is a thin film transistor (having a gate (4)) with its source or drain being connected to a gate interconnect (5) through a metal layer (13).

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shouxiang Hu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5729.

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